

Dalai Lama leaves Dharamsala for teaching tour

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The Dalai Lama departed Dharamsala on December 16 on a teaching tour, which will take him to the Dhoeguling Tibetan settlement in Mundgod, (South India) Gujarat, Delhi and Bodh Gaya where he is bestowing the Kalachakra Initiation.

In Mundgod, the Dalai Lama inaugurates the new Gaden Jangtse Monastery Assembly Hall on December 19 and participates in the unveiling of a Mahatma Gandhi statue the same day. He will teach on Tsongkhapa's Great Stages of Tantric Path (Ngagrim Chenmo) from December 21, 2001 to January 1, 2002.

Mundgod is a restricted area and to enter it foreigners need protected area permit from the Home Ministry, Government of India, New Delhi.

From Mundgod, the Dalai Lama visits Gujarat and New Delhi for other programs, including a public talk in New Delhi.

Thereafter, the Dalai Lama leaves for Varanasi and Bodh Gaya where he is bestowing the Kalachakra Initiation and teachings from January 21 to 29, 2002. The teaching schedule includes preliminary teachings on Kamalashila's Gomrim Barma (Middle Stages of Meditation), Thogmey Sangpo's Gyalsey Laklen Sodhun (37 Bodhisattava Practices) and Tsongkhapa's Lam Tso Namsum (Three Principal Aspects of the Path) from January 21 to 24, 2002 with the actual Kalachakra Initiation being held from January 26 to 29, 2002.

The Dalai Lama returns to Dharamsala thereafter.